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SUBJECT: ARMS TRAFFIC IN EASTERN CARIBBEAN

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1. EMBASSY HAS EXPRESSED TO ORIGINAL SOURCE AN INTEREST IN MORE DETAILED INFO ON WHAT GOB KNOWS OF ARMS TRAFFIC. PEND-ING HIS REPLY, SUGGEST CUSTOMS OFFICIAL'S VISIT BE HELD IN ABEYANCE. UNFORTUNATELY, GOB INFO IS NOT LIKELY TO BE EITHER HARD OR DETAILED.

2. BY WAY OF BACKROUND: EMBASSY OFFICERS OFTEN HEAR OF ALLEGED ARMS TRAFFICKING IN THE AREA BUT STORIES ARE SELDOM IF EVER VERIFIABLE. WHILE WE MAINTAIN FAIRLY EFFECTIVE LIAISON WITH POLICE OFFICIALS IN THE ISLAND GOVERNMENTS, THE OFFICIAL THEMSELVES ARE RARELY ABLE TO INTERDICT SMUGGLING IN GENERAL, INCLUDING TRADE IN ARMS, MARIJUANA AND PERHAPS OTHER NARCOTICS. EVEN WHEN THEY HAVE GOOD INTEL-LIGENCE, THEY LACK SERVICEABLE FAST BOATS AND AIRCRAFT.

3. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, SMUGGLING IS A WAY OF LIFE IN THE AREA AND PARTICULARLY IN THE GRENADINES--WHISKEY TO VENEZUELA, MARIJUANA TO THE US AND EUROPE AND, IF THERE IS LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ANY VALIDITY TO THE RUMORS, INCREASINGLY, GUNS INTO THE THE ISLANDS. ALTHOUGH SOME OFFICIALS FEAR DISSIDENT GROUPS (NJM IN GRENADA, YULIMO IN ST VINCENT, MND AND OTHER RADICALS IN DOMINICA) ARE RECEIVING ARMS FROM CUBA, WE HAVE NO PROOF OF THIS. IN ALL PROBABILITY, SOME DISSIDENT ELE-MENTS ARE LAYING IN A SUPPLY BUT PROBABLY THESE ARE ACQUIRED COMMERCIALY AND IN VERY SMALL NUMBERS. ALSO AS

POLITICAL STABILITY IN THE SMALLER ISLANDS BECOME PROGRESSIVELY
LESS CERTAIN, AND AS COMMON CRIME GROWS ORDINARY CITIZENS
ARE ARMING THEMSELVES. THIS IS PARTICULARLY TRUE OF DOMINICA
BUT IS ALSO TAKING PLACE IN THE OTHER ISLANDS.
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